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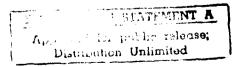


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Honorable Hugh J. Gallen Governor of the State of New Hampshire State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Governor Gallen:

Inclosed is a copy of the Ward Dam (NH-00262) Phase I Inspection Report, which was prepared under the National Program for Inspection of Non-Federal Dams. This report is presented for your use and is based upon a visual inspection, a review of the past performance and a brief hydrological study of the dam. A brief assessment is included at the beginning of the report. I have approved the report and support the findings and recommendations described in Section 7 and ask that you keep me informed of the actions taken to implement them. This follow-up action is a vitally important part of this program.

A copy of this report has been forwarded to the Water Resources Board, the cooperating agency for the State of New Hampshire. In addition, a copy of the report has also been furnished the owner, Mr. Richard Clattenberg, West Wilton, New Hampshire 03086.

Copies of this report will be made available to the public, upon request, by this office under the Freedom of Information Act. In the case of this report the release date will be thirty days from the date of this letter.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the Water Resources Board for your cooperation in carrying out this program.

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Blood Brook, a tributary of the Souhegan

River

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BRIEF ASSESSMENT

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Ward Dam is located on Blood Brook approximately one quarter mile upstream of the village of West Wilton, New Hampshire. It can be reached from a town road which intersects State Route 101 in Wilton, New Hampshire.

The dam is a gravity arch structure constructed of rubble stone and split stone masonry, founded on bedrock. It is approximately 260 feet long and 18 feet. high. For the purposes of this report, the top of the dam has been taken to be the top of the training wall at the right abutment. The overflow type spillway has a crest length of 29 feet and is 14.5 feet above the streambed. There is a rectangular, stonelined, box culvert passing through the spillway which is controlled by a vertical slide gate. An abandoned sluiceway at the left bank leads to an old mill building downstream which has been converted to a residence. This sluiceway is apparently silted up but leaking somewhat, according to the resident.

The dam was apparently constructed in 1840 to provide power for a saw mill but presently is only used for recreation. The drainage area for this dam consists of approximately 6.6 square miles of rolling terrain which is mostly forested with some minor development. Approximately 4.9 square miles of this area is controlled by the Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 26 which is the subject of a separate Dam Safety Inspection Report.

The dam is SMALL in size and its hazard potential classification is SIGNIFICANT since appreciable economic loss and possible loss of a few lives could result in the event of a dam failure. The appropriate Test Flood for a dam classified SMALL in size with a SIGNIFICANT hazard potential would be between 100-year

flood and one half the probable maximum flood (PMF). Since the risk downstream in the event of dam failure is on the low side of SIGNIFICANT, the 100-year flood has been adopted as the appropriate Test Flood.

The analysis in Appendix D shows a peak 100-year inflow of 328 cfs for the dam. Attenuation due to storage in the reservoir is negligible and the Peak Test Flood routed outflow is 328 cfs, with the water surface at 727.2 feet (NGVD), which is 2.2 feet above the principal spillway. The spillway is capable of passing the Peak Test Flood routed outflow with 1.1 feet of freeboard at the training wall right abutment. The left abutment would be overtopped but this would not threaten the integrity of the dam because the abutment is solid bedrock.

The dam is in POOR condition at the present time. It is recommended that the owner retain the services of a qualified registered professional engineer to inspect the upstream side of the dam and make recommendations for the repair of all deficiencies, to investigate the bulging of the downstream face of the spillway and its structural stability, to investigate the operability of the sluice gate and make recommedations for its rehabilitation, and to investigate the condition of the sluiceway and penstock and make recommendations for its removal or rehabilitation. Remedial measures to be undertaken by the owner include implementing annual maintenance and inspection programs and developing a formal written report system for warning downstream residents and officials in the event of an emergency. These engineering studies and remedial measures should be implemented by the owner within one year of receipts of this Phase I Inspection Report.



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This Phase I Inspection Report on Ward Dam (NH-00262) has been reviewed by the undersigned Review Board members. In our opinion, the reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations are consistent with the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, and with good engineering judgement and practice, and is hereby submitted for approval.

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PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I investigation: however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the Spillway Test flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aide in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

The Phase I Investigation does <u>not</u> include an assessment of the need for fences, gates, no-trespassing signs, repairs to existing fences and railings and other items which may be needed to minimize trespass and provide greater security for the facility and safety to the public. An evaluation of the project for compliance with OSHA rules and regulations is also excluded.

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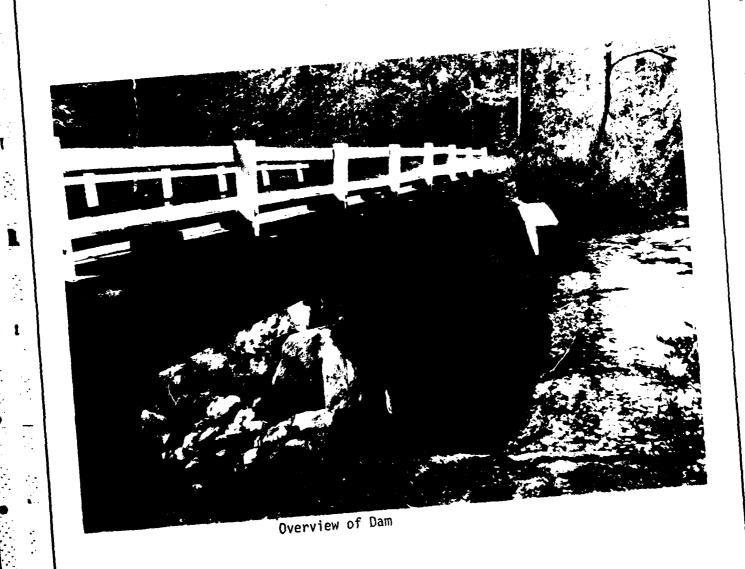
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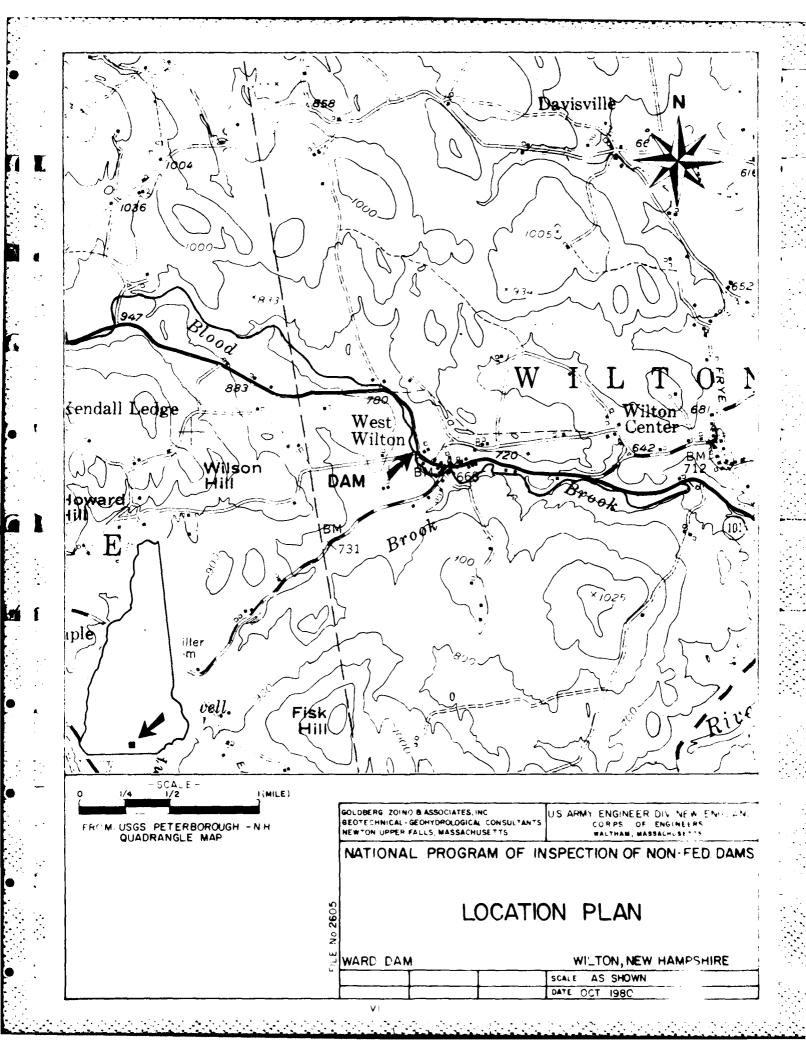
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National Dam Inspection Program

Phase I Inspection Report

Ward Dam

Section I: Project Information

1.1 General

(a) Authority

Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a National Progam of Dam Inspection throughout the United States. The New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region. Goldberg-Zoino & Associates, Inc. (GZA) has been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the State of New Hampshire. Authorization and notice to proceed were issued to GZA under a letter of September 23, 1980 from Colonel William E. Hodgson, Jr., Corps of Engineers. Contract NO. DACW 33-80-C-0055 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

(b) Purpose

- 1) Perform technical inspection and evaluation of non-federal dams to identify conditions which threaten the public safety and thus permit correction in a timely manner by non-federal interests.
- 2) Encourage and prepare the states to initiate quickly effective dam safety programs for non-federal dams.
- 3) Update, verify, and complete the National Inventory of Dams.

1.2 Description of Dam

(a) Location

The Ward Dam is located on Blood Brook in Wilton, New Hampshire approximately one quarter mile upstream of the village of West Wilton. It can be reached from a town road which intersects State Route 101 in Wilton, New Hampshire. The dam is shown on USGS Peterborough, New Hampshire quadrangle at approximate coordinates N4249.9, W7148.6 (see location map on Page vi). Page B-2 of Appendix B is a site plan for this dam.

(b) <u>Description of Dam and Appurtenances</u>

The dam is a gravity arch structure of split stone masonry, and concrete with a 3 foot by 2 foot waste gate, a 29 foot wide spillway, and a separate sluiceway leading to a former mill building. The dam is founded on bedrock and is a total of 260 feet long and 18 feet high.

1) Left Abutment

The left abutment is bedrock.

2) Principal Spillway

The spillway is constructed of rubble stone capped with split stone masonry and concrete. The concrete is approximately 1.5 feet high. The spillway is a broad crested weir 29 feet wide and the crest is 13.5 feet above the streambed. There is a rectangular, stone lined box culvert through this section. The invert of the conduit is 7.5 feet below the spillway crest. No operating mechanism was available for this outlet.

3) Sluiceway

The concrete faced sluiceway to the left of the dam is controlled by stoplogs. The upstream opening is approximately 18 inches wide. This sluiceway leads to a former mill building downstream which once housed a sawmill.

4) Right Abutment

The right abutment is constructed on bedrock and consists of split stone masonry wing walls with earth and stone fill. A concrete training wall approximately 3.3 feet high extends across the right abutment to the spillway section.

(c) Size Classification

The dam's maximum impoundment of 19 acre-feet and height of 18 feet place it in the SMALL size category according to the Corps of Engineer's Recommended Guidelines.

(d) <u>Hazard Potential Classification</u>

The hazard potential classification for this dam is SIGNIFICANT because of the appreciable economic losses and potential for loss of a few lives downstream in the event of dam failure. Section 5 of this report presents more detailed discussion of the hazard potential.

(e) Ownership

The dam is presently owned by Mr. Richard Clattenberg, West Wilton, New Hampshire. He can be reached by telephone at (603) 654-9881.

(f) Operator

The operation of the dam is controlled by Mr. Richard Clattenberg of West Wilton, New Hampshire. He can be reached by telephone at (603) 654-9881.

(g) Purpose of the Dam

The purpose of the dam is to impound water for recreational purposes. At one time, the dam was used for hydropower for a sawmill.

(h) Design and Construction History

The original design and date of construction are unknown. The records of the New Hampshire Water Resources Board indicate that the dam was constructed in 1840 to provide power for a sawmill. The mill building has since been converted to a house and the water wheels have been removed.

(i) Normal Operating Procedure

No formal procedures exist for this dam. There is no viable means of operating the sluicegate at the spillway, and the outlet sluiceway is apparently silted closed.

1.3 Pertinent Data

(a) Drainage Area

The drainage area for this dam covers 6.6 square miles. It is made up of rolling terrain which is primarily forest with some minor development. Approximately 4.9 square miles of this area is controlled by the Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 26 which is the subject of a separate Dam Safety Inspection Report.

(b) <u>Discharge at Dam Site</u>

1) Outlet Works

There is an 18 inch wide sluiceway in the left bank leading to an abandoned mill downstream. This sluiceway is plugged. There is a 3 foot by 2 foot waste gate in the center of the dam with an invert elevation of 715.1 feet (NGVD). This gate appears to be inoperable.

2) Maximum Known Flood

There is no data available for the Maximum Known Flood at this dam site.

3) Ungated Spillway Capacity at Top of Dam

The capacity of the spillway with the reservoir at top of dam elevation (728.3 feet NGVD) is 616 cfs.

4) Ungated Spillway Capacity at Test Flood

The capacity of the spillway with the reservoir at Test Flood elevation (727.2 feet NGVD) is 327 cfs.

5) Gated Spillway Capacity at Normal Pool

There are no gated spillways.

6) Gated Spillway Capacity at Test Flood

There are no gated spillways.

7) Total Spillway Capacity at Test Flood

The total spillway capacity at Test Flood elevation (727.2 feet NGVD) is 327 cfs.

8) Total Project Discharge at Top of Dam

The total project discharge at top of dam elevation (728.3 feet NGVD) is 616 cfs.

9) Total Project Discharge at Test Flood Elevation

The total project discharge at Test Flood elevation (727.2 feet NGVD) is 327 cfs.

- (c) Elevation (feet above NGVD)
 - 1) Streambed at toe of dam: Approximately 710.5
 - 2) Bottom of cutoff: Unknown
 - 3) Maximum tailwater: Unknown
 - 4) Recreation Pool: Approximately 725.0
 - 5) Full flood control pool: Not applicable
 - 6) Spillway crest: Approximately 725.0
 - 7) Design surcharge: Unknown
 - 8) Top of dam: 728.3 (right abutment)
 - 9) Test flood surcharge: 727.2
- (d) Reservior (length in feet)
 - 1) Normal Pool: 1000
 - 2) Flood Control Pool: Not applicable
 - 3) Spillway Crest Pool: 1000

- 4) Top of Dam: 1000 @728.3 (right abutment)
- 5) Test Flood Pool: 1000

(e) Storage (acre-feet)

- 1) Normal Pool: 9.8
- 2) Flood Control Pool: Not applicable
- 3) Spillway Crest Pool: 9.8
- 4) Top of Dam Pool: 18.8
- 5) Test Flood Pool: 16.4

(f) Reservoir Surface (acres)

- 1) Normal Pool: 3
- 2) Flood Control Pool: not applicable
- 3) Spillway Crest: 3
- 4) Test Flood Pool: 3
- 5) Top of Dam: 3

(g) Dam

- 1) Type: Gravity, overflow, split stone masonry arch
- 2) Length: Approximately 260 feet
- 3) Height: Approximately 18 feet
- 4) Top width: Approximately 4 feet, variable
- 5) Side slopes: Not applicable
- 6) Zoning: Not applicable.
- 7) Impervious Core: Not applicable
- 8) Cutoff: Unknown
- 9) Grout curtain: Unknown

(h) Diversion and Regulating Tunnel

Not applicable

(i) Spillway

- 1) Type: Masonry, broad crested weir
- 2) Length of weir: 29 feet
- 3) Crest elevation: 725.0 feet (NGVD)
- 4) Gates: Spillways not equipped with gates
- 5) Upstream channel: Reservoir
- 6) Downstream channel: Blood Brook, steep rocky channel

(j) Regulating Outlets

The regulating outlet is a rectangular, stonelined, box culvert through the spillway which is controlled by a vertical slide gate. The gate is 3 feet by 2 feet with an invert elevation of 715.5 feet (NGVD). It appears to be inoperable.

Section 2: Engineering Data

2.1 Design Data

None of the original design drawings or calculations are available for this dam. Lacking is data concerning the construction of the sluiceway to the mill building.

2.2 Construction Records

No construction records are available for this dam.

2.3 Operational Records

No operational records are available for this dam.

2.4 Evaluation of Data

a) Availability

There is no detailed design or construction data available for evaluation.

(b) Adequacy

The lack of in-depth engineering data does not permit a definitive review. Therefore, the adequacy of the dam cannot be assessed from the standpoint of reviewing design and construction data. This assessment of the dam is based primarily on the visual inspection, past performance, and sound engineering judgement.

(c) Validity

Since the observations of the inspection team generally confirm the information contained in the records of the New Hampshire Water Resources Board, a satisfactory evaluation for validity is indicated.

Section 3: Visual Inspection

3.1 Findings

(a) General

The Ward Dam is in POOR condition at the present time.

(b) Dam

(1) Spillway (See Photo 1,2, and overview)

This stone masonry structure was constructed as an arch. A tunnel outlet is located near the center of the structure. The tunnel walls and roof consist of granite, and have been reinforced with steel plates. An inclined, steel, sluice gate was observed at the upstream end of the tunnel. A pressure relief gate is mounted on the steel gate, and is approximately 8 inches in diameter. Minor seepage was observed flowing through the tunnel. The gate operating equipment is either submerged or has been removed from the site.

The rubble stone masonry spillway is founded on bedrock at its left end, and either bedrock or massive boulder at its right end. The abutments of the bridge immmediately downstream form the end walls of the spillway. There are numerous unravelled boulders at the base of the structure. At one location at the left end of the spillway, stones have been displaced over an area 3 feet long, 2 feet high, and 2 feet deep. Stones above this area have bulged outward over a 10 foot square area. Ravelling has also occurred approximately 5 feet to the right of the tunnel outlet. This ravelling is in the range of 2 feet square, and 2 feet deep. This damage can be attributed to ice action. The concrete cap has been subjected to minor surface erosion which can be attributed to ice damage.

A concrete gravity training wall was constructed over 20 feet of the right end of the spillway. This wall is 3 feet 4 inches high and is in good condition with no evidence of spalls, cracks, or efflorescence.

(2) Sluiceway (see photo 5)

This structure could not be observed due to its submerged condition. The outlet consists of a penstock controlled by stoplogs. The opening is approximately 18 inches wide. There is a considerable degree of silting in front of this structure which precluded inspection. The penstock outlets in the basement of a downstream mill building which has been converted to a residence. Minor seepage flow can be seen exiting the basement of the dwelling through an outlet channel.

(c) Reservoir Area

The shore of the reservoir area is generally shallow to medium sloping woodland. It appears to be stable and in good condition.

(d) Downstream Channel (see photo 6)

The downstream channel is steep and rocky, and consists primarily of exposed bedrock. It appears stable and in good condition.

3.2 Evaluation

The dam and its appurtenant structures are generally in poor condition. The problem areas noted during the visual inspection are listed as follows:

- a) Stones have been dislodged from the downstream base of the spillway.
- b) The downstream face of the spillway is bulging.
- c) Operating equipment for the waste gate was not observed.
- d) The condition of the sluiceway or penstock plug is unknown.

Section 4: Operational and Maintenance Procedures

4.1 Operational Procedures

(a) General

No written operational procedures exist for this dam. The dam is normally self regulating. The operability of the outlet works for this dam is unknown.

(b) Description of any Warning System in Effect

There is no warning system in effect at this dam.

4.2 Maintenance Procedures

(a) General

No formal maintenance program exists for the dam, and maintenance is performed infrequently.

(b) Operating Facilities

No formal maintenance program exists, and maintenance is performed infrequently.

4.3 Evaluation

Emphasis on routine maintenance will assist the owner in assuring the long-term safety of the dam and operating facilities. A formal, written, downstream emergency warning system should be developed for this dam.

Section 5: Evaluation of Hydraulic/Hydrologic Features

5.1 General

Ward Dam is a masonry dam on Blood Brook, a tributary of the Souhegan River, which is a tributary of the Merrimack River. The dam is located about 1000 feet upstream of West Wilton, New Hampshire.

Ward Dam is about 260 feet long and 18 feet high. Part of the dam embankment is formed by a small road which crosses Blood Brook on a bridge just downstream of the dam. The reservoir behind the dam has a surface area of about three acres at normal pool. The resevoir stores about 19 acre-feet at the dam crest.

The principal spillway is a 29 foot granite masonry weir with a concrete cap and its crest at about 725 feet NGVD. There is a 3' x 2' gate in the spillway with its invert at 715.5 feet NGVD, and a sluiceway in the left embankment with its invert at 722.5 feet NGVD. Both outlets were closed at the time of the inspection and neither appeared to be operable.

The right abutment is a concrete training wall at 728.3 feet NGVD running for 20 feet before the grade climbs to the roadway just downstream of the spillway. To the left of the spillway is natural ledge at 726.3 feet NGVD. The ledge runs 7 feet before climbing to the roadway. The top of the dam has been taken as the training wall at the right abutment (elevation 728.3 NGVD).

Downstream of the dam, Blood Brook runs for about 1,000 feet as a steep, mountain stream in a steep-sided channel. The only development in the reach is one house well above the stream.

About 1,000 feet downstream of Ward Dam, Blood Brook passes under a road leading from West Wilton to Temple, New Hampshire. The bridge has two granite arch masonry openings, one $12' \times 7'$ and one $19' \times 7'$. The roadway surface is 10 feet above the stream. There are two houses upstream of the bridge – one with a cellar 4 feet above the stream and first floor at the roadway level, and the other well above the stream. Downstream of the bridge there is one house 2 to 3 feet below the roadway and one at roadway level.

About 700 feet downstream of this bridge, Blood Brook is joined by Temple Brook. There is one house in this reach (besides the two already discussed), about 8 to 10 feet above the stream channel. Blood Brook runs 2,000 feet from the junction with Temple Brook to a restaurant, and a house at the downstream end of West Wilton. In this reach, there are 3 houses 10 to 15 feet above the stream channel, and the restaurant and house 12 feet up.

Downstream of West Wilton, Blood Brook runs about 2 miles to the Souhegan River. The only structures in the reach are a house 2,000 feet downstream of West Wilton, and the Route 31 bridge, just 800 feet upstream of the Souhegan River. The following sections provide a detailed hydraulic/hydrologic discussion of the dam.

5.2 Design Data

Data sources available for Ward Dam include a 1936 sketch of the dam; the New Hampshire Water Resources Board's August 28, 1936 "Inventory of Dams and Water Power Developments," the Public Service Commission of New Hampshire's September 3, 1936 "Dam Record," the New Hampshire Water Control Commission's undated "Record of Dam No. 254-18", and September 26, 1939 "Data on Dams in New Hampshire." Also available, were inspection reports dated June 10, 1940; July 16, 1951; and July 24, 1975 and a record of flooding during the September 1938 flood (record dated October 14, 1938). The original hydraulic calculations were not available for this dam.

5.3 Experience Data

No records of flow or stage are known to be available for Ward Dam or the area immediately downstream.

5.4 Test Flood Analysis

The hydrologic conditions of interest in this Phase I Investigation are those required to assess the dam's overtopping potential, and its ability to safely allow an appropriately large flood to pass. This requires use of the discharge and a storage characteristics of the structure to evaluate the impact of an appropriately sized Test Flood. The original hydraulic and hydrologic design analyses are not available for this dam.

Guidelines for establishing a recommended Test Flood based on the size and hazard classification of a dam are specified in the "Recommended Guidelines" of the Corps of Engineers. The impoundment of less than 1,000 acre-feet and the height of less than 40 feet classify this dam as a SMALL structure.

The appropriate hazard classification for this dam is SIGNIFICANT because of the significant economic and small potential for loss of a few lives downstream in the event of failure of the dam. As shown in the Dam Failure Analysis section, the increase in flooding caused by failure would cause property damage in West Wilton, 1,000 feet downstream of the dam.

As shown in Table 3 of the "Recommended Guidelines", the appropriate Test Flood for a dam classified as SMALL in size with a SIGNIFICANT hazard potential would be between the 100-year flood and one-half the probable maximum flood (PMF). Since the risk downstream in the event of dam failure is on the low side of SIGNIFICANT, the 100-year flood is the appropriate Test Flood.

The drainage area upstream of Ward Dam is 6.58 square miles. However, 4.9 square miles of this area is controlled by the Soil Conservation Services's Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 26. The SCS Design notes for this dam give a peak outflow of 144 cfs.

The 100-year inflow for Ward Dam was estimated as the peak discharge of 184 cfs from the uncontrolled drainage area of 1.68 square miles, added to the peak 100 year outflow rate from S.R.W.D. #26 which is given by the S.C.S. as 144 cfs. Using this methodology, the Peak Test Flood inflow was 328 cfs, about 50 csm for the 6.58 square mile drainage area.

Attenuation due to storage in the reservoir is negligible and the Test Flood routed peak outflow is 328 cfs, with the reservoir water surface at 727.2 feet NGVD. This is 2.2 feet above the principal spillway crest and 1.05 feet below the top of the dam. The spillway capacity is 190 percent of the Test Flood routed outflow.

5.5 <u>Dam Failure Analysis</u>

The downstream flows that would result from the failure of Ward Dam are estimated using the procedure suggested in "Rule of Thumb Guidelines for Estimating Downstream Dam Failure Hydrographs." The failure is assumed to occur with the water surface elevation at the level of the left abutment, 728.3 feet msl. The outflow prior to dam failure would be 616 cfs, creating a tailwater of about 2 feet in the channel downstream of the dam.

For an assumed breach width equal to 40 percent of the dam width at the half-height, the gap in the dam due to failure would be about 20 feet. The resulting peak failure outflow would be 3,130 cfs given the 17.8 foot dam height, increasing tailwater to 4 feet. This would easily pass under the bridge just downstream of the dam.

The peak flow resulting from dam failure would be attenuated to 2,450 cfs at the bridge 1,000 feet downstream of the dam, resulting in an increase in stage from 4 feet before failure to 10 to 11 feet, about 1/2 foot over the roadway surface. This flow would cause flooding to several feet in the cellar and 0 to 1 feet in the first floor at one house upstream of the bridge, minor flooding at another house downstream, and 1 to 3 feet of flooding at the bridge which might well damage or destroy the bridge. There is only a slight chance of loss of life in this area, since the flooding would be backwater flooding, and flow rates would be low.

The next reach of Blood Brook, 2,700 feet to the downstream end of West Wilton, includes the juncture with Temple Brook. This reach has one house 8 to 10 feet above the stream near the upstream end, 3 houses 10 to 15 feet up, and a restaurant and house 12 feet up.

The prefailure flow of 616 cfs would cause a stage of 4.1 feet in Blood Brook. The peak dam failure flow of 2,450 cfs would cause a stage of 8.4 feet at the upstream end of the reach. This would attenuate significantly through West Wilton due to the storage provided by the stream. The only structure which might receive minor (less than 0.5 feet) flooding in this reach is the lowest house.

Downstream of West Wilton, Blood Brook runs about 2 miles to the Souhegan River. The dam failure flood flow would attenuate a great deal in this reach, and would probably not threaten any of the structures in the reach. The flow resulting from the failure of Ward Dam would probably cause no damage along the Souhegan River.

The chart on the next page summarizes the downstream effects of the failure of Ward Dam.

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	Comments	Little danger to bridge	slight danger of loss of life, minor flooding a one house, significant flooding at 2 others - about 1/2 ft. flow over road.	possible minor flooding.Flow attenuates down- stream - no further flooding likely.
2622	After failure	3130 cfs 4.1 ft.	2450 cfs 10.6 ft.	2450 cfs <8.4 ft.
	Before failure	616 cfs 1.8 ft.	616 cfs 4.1 ft.	616 cfs 4.1 ft.
	Level above Stream (ft)	18 ft.	8 ft. 10 ft. 15 ft. cellar 4 1st floor 10 10 ft.	8 ft.
	# of Structures	1 bridge	1 house 2 houses 1 house 1 house 1 house	1 house
	Distance Downstream from Dam (feet)	•	1000 +	1400
	Location	Just D/S of Ward Dam	Bridge on road to Temple	house before Temple Brook
	Location # (see Map)	ı		

Section 6: Structural Stability

6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

(a) <u>Visual Observations</u>

1) General

Ward Dam is in poor condition at the present time.

2) Spillway

The investigation revealed that stones have been dislodged, and the face of the spillway near the left abutment is bulging outward.

3) Sluiceway

This structure is heavily silted, and plugged. Some seepage is flowing through the penstock.

(b) Design and Construction Records

No plans or calculations of value to a stabililty assessment are available for this dam.

6.2 <u>Design and Construction Data</u>

No records of structural stability analyses are available for this dam.

6.3 <u>Post Construction Changes</u>

The sluiceway at the left abutment has been filled in with silt and debris.

6.4 Seismic Stability

The dam is located in seismic zone No. 2, and, in accordance with the recommended Phase I guidelines, does not warrant seismic analysis.

Section 7: Assessment, Recommendations and Remedial Measures

7.1 <u>Dam Assessment</u>

(a) Condition

Ward Dam is in POOR condition at the present time. The dislodged stones at the base of the spillway, and the bulging of the face of the spillway should be arrested and repaired.

(b) Adequacy of Information

The lack of in-depth engineering data does not permit a definitive review. Therefore, the adequacy of the dam cannot be assessed from the standpoint of reviewing design and construction data. This assessment is based primarily on the visual inspection, past performance, and sound engineering judgement.

(c) Urgency

The Engineering studies and improvement described herein should be implemented by the owner within one year of receipt of this Phase 1 Inspection Report.

7.2 Recommendations

It is recommended that the services of a qualified registered professional engineer be retained to:

- (a) Draw down the impoundment pool, inspect the upstream side of the dam, and make recommendations for the repair of all deficiencies.
- (b) Investigate the structural stability of the spillway with attention given to the bulging of the face and the heavy ice loading noted at this dam.
- (c) Investigate the operability of the sluice gate, and make recommendations for its rehabilitation, if necessary.
- (d) Investigate the condition of the sluiceway and penstock, and make recommendations for its rehabilitation or removal, as appropriate.

The owner should implement the findings of these investigations.

7.3 Remedial Measures

It is recommended that the following remedial measures be undertaken by the owner:

(a) Implement a program of annual technical inspections of the dam and its appurtenances including operation of all outlet works.

- (b) Develop a plan for surveillance of the dam during and immediately after periods of heavy rainfall and a formal warning system for alerting downstream residents and officials in the event of an emergency.
- (c) Implement and intensify a program of diligent and periodic maintenance.

7.4 Alternatives

There are no meaningful alternatives to the above recommendations.

APPENDIX A

VISUAL CHECKLIST WITH COMMENTS

Inspection Team Organization

DATE: October 17, 1980

PROJECT: NH00262

Ward Dam

Wilton, New Hampshire

NHWRB 254.18

WEATHER: Clear, warm

INSPECTION TEAM:

Goldberg-Zoino & Assoc. Team Captain Nicholas A. Campagna William S. Zoino GZA Soils Jeffrey M. Hardin GZA Soils Andrew Christo Andrew Christo Engineers Structures Paul Razgha ACE Structures Carl Razgha ACE Structures

NHWRB Representative Present - Gary Kerr

NOTE: Tom Gooch and Richard Laramie of Resource Analysis Inc., performed

the hydrologic inspection of this dam on October 3,1980.

CHECKLIST FOR VISUAL INSPECTION		
AREA EVALUATED	ВУ	CONDITIONS AND REMARKS
GENERAL		
Crest Elevation	JMI+	728.3 feet NGVD
Current Pool Elevation	JMH	725.0 feet NGVD
Maximum Impoundment to Date		Unknown
OUTLET WORKS - SPILLWAY WARPPROACH AND DISCHARGE CH	IEIR. IANNELS	
a. <u>Approach Channel</u>		
Loose Rock Overhang Channel	ging NAC	None
Trees Overhanging (Channel NAC	Minor
Floor of Approach (Channel NAC	Submerged, appears to be heavily silted.
b. <u>Spillway</u>		
General Condition	AC	Stones have become dislodged at base of spillway, and ove an area 3' long x 2' high x 2' deep adjacent to left abutment. Ten square foot area of displaced stones located above unravelled stones. Unravelled stones 2' x 2' x 2', five feet to right of tunnel outlet. Unravelling caused by ice damage.
Seepage		None noted except minor
c. <u>Training Wall</u>		seepage through outlet gate
General Condition of Concrete	of	Good
Rust or Staining	AC	None

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CHECKLIST FOR VISUAL INSPECTION				
AREA EVALUATED	ВҮ	CONDITIONS AND REMARKS		
Spalling	AC	None noted		
Any Visible Reinforcing		None noted		
Any Seepage or Efflorescence		None noted		
Drain Holes	AC	None noted		
d. <u>Discharge Channel</u>				
General Condition	JMI	Good		
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel		None		
Trees Overhanging Channel	1 1	Minor		
Floor of Channel		Bedrock		
Other Obstructions	J p2 H	Two fish weirs downstream would not restrict large flows.		
OUTLET WORKS - WASTEGATE AND BOX CULVERT				
General Condition	PR	Fair, no operating mechanism was observed.		
Condition of Joints		Good		
Spalling Visible Reinforcing		None noted None		
Rusting or Staining of Concrete		Some rust staining due to seepage		
Any Seepage or Efflorescence		Some minor seepage past gate.		
Cracks		None		
Rusting or Corrosion of Steel	FR	Minor rusting of gate		

Wilton, New Hampshire

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AREA EVALUATED	ВҮ	CONDITIONS AND REMARKS
OUTLET WORKS - INTAKE CHANNEL AND INTAKE STRUCTURE		
a. <u>Approach Channel</u>		
Slope Conditions	JM4	Good
Bottom Conditions		Silted up
Rock Slides or Falls		None
Log Boom		None
Debris		Heavily silted and blocked with leaves.
Condition of Concrete Lining		Not observed
Drains or Weep Holes	JMH	None observed
b. <u>Intake Structure</u>		
Condition of Concrete	AC	Good
Stop Logs and Slots		None in place, slots good.
OUTLET WORKS - OUTLET STRUCTURE AND OUTLET CHANNEL		
General Condition		Poor, penstock is apparently plugged with silt and there is some seepage. Structure was not observed.
Rust or Staining		Unknown
Spalling Erosion or Cavitation		Unknown Unknown
Visible Reinforcing		Unknown
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	Λc	Some seepage observed at outlet

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AREA EVALUATED	BY	CONDITIONS AND REMARKS
Condition at Joints	AC	Unknown
Drain Holes		Unknown
Channel		
Loose Rock or Trees Overhanging	NAC	Minor
Condition of Discharge Channel	NPL	Good

APPENDIX B
ENGINEERING DATA

State of Rew Hampshire

WATER RESOURCES BOARD

37 Pleasunt St. Concord 03301

February 26, 1976

Mr. Richard Clattenberg West Wilton New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Clattenberg:

Under the provisions of RSA-Chapter 482, Sections 8 through 15, the New Hampshire Water Resources Board is authorized to inspect all dams in the state which by reason of their physical condition, height, and location may be a menace to the public safety.

The dam structure (Dam # 254 18) located on your property in Filton , N.H. was inspected on 7/24/75

and as a result of this inspection no discrepancies were found at the time of the inspection which would require any corrective measures.

This letter is provided for your information only. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or write.

Sincerely,

George M. McGee, Sr.

GMM/SCB:L

cc: Board of Selectmen

N. H. WATER RESOURCES BOARD Concord, N. H. 03301

DAM SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT FORM

Town: W	Ilton	Dam Number:	254.	18
Inspected by	: 5 Bunith	Date:	4 July	19 75
Local name of	of dam or water body:		1	
Owner: R	ichal Clatterberg	Address:		
	as not interviewed during inspect			,
Drainage Are	ea: 5.5 t sq. mi.	Stream: Bloc	of Bras	<u> </u>
Fond Area:	Acre, Storage	Ac-F	t. Max. He	ad 11, 5 Ft.
Foundation:	Type Letye, Seep	page present at to	e - Yes No.	
Spillway:	Type Oven Thu, Free	board over perm.	crest:	<u>3 ^r </u>
	Width 29' ± , Flas			
	Max. Capacity	c.f.s.		
Embankment:	Type, Cove	er Width	1	,
	Upstream slope to 1;			_to 1
	Type Conc., Conc.			
Gates or Por	nd Drain: Size Cape	acity	Type	
	Lifting apparatus			
Changes sinc	ce construction or last inspecti	on: 1		
Downstream	development:			FILE
This dam wo	wild/would not be a menace if it	failed.		
Suggested r	einspection date:			到 是 1 [1]
Remarks:				
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NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER RESOURCES BOARD

SITE EVALUATION DATA ...

OWNER: Richard Clatten bon, TELEPHONE NO.
MAILING ADDRESS:
SITE LOCATION (TOWN OR CITY)
NAME OF STREAM OR WATERBODY:
QUADRANGLE: Peter boro LOCATION UP 5,75 Lt 3,081
HEIGHT OF (PROPOSED, EXISTING) DAM 11.5 LENGTH 200
TYPE OF (PROPOSED, EXISTING) STRUCTURE Con Cop Split stone B
DRAINAGE AREA 5. 5 ±SM POND AREA 1
AVAILABLE ARTIFICIAL STORAGE: PERMANENT:TEMPORARY:TOTAL
EXISTING DEVELOPMENT DOWNSTREAM OF (PROPOSED, EXISTING) STRUCTURE Town Rand & Bridge 50 Down
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POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DOWNSTREAM OF (PROPOSED, EXISTING) STRUCTURE
POTENTIAL DAMAGE DOWNSTREAM OF STRUCTURE (EXPLAIN IN DETAIL AND INCLUDE ANY POTENTIAL LOSS OF LIFE ESTIMATE)
OTHER COMMENTS:
CLASS OF STRUCTURE NON MENACE: MENACE A B C DAM # 254.18
DATE OF INSPECTION: 24 July 15
SIGNED Surit
SIGNATURE

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DATE:

NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER CONTROL COMMISSION

REPORT ON DAM INSPECTION

TOWN	WIL	TON		_ dam no.	251/8	STREAM	Blood	Brook	
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Sextember 17, 1940

Mr. Louis C. Aimini Wilton New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of September 5, Mr. Colman of this office visited Mr. Ward's dom and also the water hole on Blood Brook directly downstream.

He found that Mr. Ward had constructed the dam in a satisfactory manner so as not to become a public menace. He also found that Mr. Ward had a breeder's permit from the F sh and Game Department which permits him to install screens in the Brook. This he is doing in cooperation with the Fish and Game Department.

It is my understanding that the water hole was filled with water at the time of Er. Colmen's visit and it would appear that once the fire hole is filled, conditions will be similar to what they were before the flashboards were replaced by concrete. Fr. Ward, however, has indicated his willingness to cooperate whenever necessary in letting down enough water to keep the fire pool full.

This, I believe, was what you were primarily interested in and I therefore hope that this settlement will neet with your approval. We are now considering the case closed.

Very truly yours,

Richard S. Holmgren Chief Engineer

RSH: LP.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard S. Holmgren, Chief Engineer

RE: Complaint by Mr. Aimini of West Wilton

In regard to this matter, I have asked Mr. Carpenter Director of the Fish and Game Department to request that Mr. Proctor the Conservation Officer of that district, look into the matter. Attached hereto is a copy of Mr. Proctor's letter to the Fish and Game Commission which explains the situation.

I also visited Mr. Ward's dam and found that the work that he did consisted of constructing a cement weir on top of an old spillway to the height of an old flashboard. At one time the stone work extended to this height but was removed and flashboards installed. These were found to be unsatisfactory due to leakage so Mr. Ward put the structure back into its original shape. I talked with a couple of property owners adjacent to the fire pool which was built by Mr. Smith and the Town and their only concern was that in dry weather, Mr. Ward might not let down enough water to keep the fire pool full.

However, Mr. Ward assured me that any time in the summer that the town pool needs water, he would be very willing to cooperate by letting down water, which information when I conveyed to the people concerned, seemed to adjust their feelings.

Mr. Proctor will keep an eye on the affair so that the normal flow of the stream is let down. This is in the province of the Fish and Game Department to maintain the fish life in the streams. The fire pool now is completely filled since the last rain and I believe the matter has been adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Colman Assistant Engineer

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CDC:LR. 9/14/40

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

DATE Sept. 12, 1940.

FROM Proctor -

AT (OFFICE)

SUBJECT Aimini Complaint - ___

Wilton N.H .-

To Chairman Water Control Commission.

My Dear Sir .-

I have at hand a letter from the Fish and Game Dept of which I am a Conservation Officer. This pertains to the building of dans and screening of brooks .

This is a SPITE case pure and simple .

If one of your men comesto Wilton I would like to go with him and tell him the story. I don't think him and is on town just now and it would be unfair to him not to hear both sides of this argument .-

Mr Ward is a good sport and has spent a good namy thousands of dollars in this town and pays a big tax. I want your Commission to get my side of the story and then get Mr Aimini side. You will find its a case of spite.

Yours very truly .-

Geo S Proctor

Conservation Officer Dist No 2 Fish and Game Dept .-



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NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER RESCURCES BOARD

S. Let me know when your men comes to town and I will make it a point to meet him. It must be this week for next week I go to Springfield to the Eastern States Exposition to represent the F and G Dept .- I will be home again Sept . 23rd .-

I have written to Director Corpenter giving him the facts as I see them . Hope I am right .- 19-9



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT CONCORD

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO DRECTOR

September 13, 1940

Mr. C. D. Colman Water Control Commission Concord, N. H.

Dear Mr. Colman:

We asked Conservation Officer George S. Proctor of Wilton to investigate the Blood Brook proposition as outlined in Mr. Louis C. Aimini's letter of September 5 to you and the following is his report:

"Your letter of the 11th in regard to the Ward dams at hand. This Mr. Aimini has nothing to do with this matter in any way. shape nor manner. It is a neighborhood scrap and I find those things are well to be out of. A few years ago Mr. Ward applied to the State Dept. for a permit to screen this Blood Brook. Two men from the Fish and Game Dept. came down and O.K.'d it and he went at big expense to dam and screen the brook. Every year he buys from 1500 to 2000 ten inch trout and puts them into the lower pool. In the fall he sends for me and with his man we transplant to the big pond above also owned by Mr. Ward (which is open to fishing) all the trout left in the pools that he has kept them all summer. This he has done now for the past few years. Last March the town appropriated \$200 for a water hole where an old dam went out farther down the brook from Mr. Ward. Prof. A. F. Smith who owns a summer home nearby put up a like sum and a shovel was put in and dug out quite a space. It being a dry year the water did not come down as fast that they wanted to fill up the pond so Mr. Smith and some men went up and pried up the blank and let down the water. Mr. Ward caught them in the act and I guess he told them a few things. Here is where Mr. Aimini enters the scene. He wants to make himself a big fellow in that little burg. If I told you his history it would not look well in print so I will defer that until I see you personally. This man Ward is a successful business man and has rubber farms all over the world. He has a business in Brookline, Mass. and factories all over Mass. He knows his stuff and would not break a law on his life. He told me sometime ago that an agent of the Water Control Commission came down and inspected his dams and O.K.'d them. Mr. Ward has a breeder's permit to keep the trout. This man has done a lot to help stock the brooks of this town at his own expense. They are sore because they think he is holding back the water but he is filling

C. D. Colman #2

his pond. When the pond is full they get the water that runs over the dam. This whole matter is a case of spite. Why didn't they make a complaint years ago when the dams were first built and the screens put in. This recent 18 inches of cement on the old dam is just putting the old dam where its been or was before the flood for one hundred years."

It would seem that this is more or less of a spite case and as far as this department is concerned, I would say that Mr. Ward was within his rights as he has a breeder's permit and apparently he benefits the fishing in that section by placing his large trout in the lower pool which is open to the public to fishing.

I trust that this enswers your inquiry in regard to the matter.

Sincerely yours

Ralph G. Carpenter, 2nd

Director

RGC: EMC

W. Clan n. H Sept 5 , 1940 Water Resource Board Concad 91. 11 0 J.21: -I mich to bring to your attention a condition existing in Blood Brook at West Wilton n. H- which me trust you will investigate at ance. Here! the Story! At Jome meeting, last spring. it was voted to raise \$ 200.00. to · build a water hole in Blood Brook in the rear of Professor Andibald Jon the premises -Swferor Imith contibuted \$560.00 in cash and time to develop the Water Hole into a place of recreation for the B-12

The miter is entering this complain, of Mr Ward: fremises to has courting City of west without . The Market Sking airett in Hereau If he well call on The writer at his glad to go over the subject mit him. the dams and enclosed by mile the home in West Wilton he mules be He, further, has exected a gate and adork the mather order you not parl wherein he has impounded to investigate This matter at once That tend a man to West Welton of West Wilton as well as his own closing the brook to all fishermen. in the interest of other unident. all the fiel above him. - 4 70 be him to been led a dam the freenit lam and fill in mth cement while aunos be vaised or lonered, above the In which was issued from your office. The clay ago - on The Lill about my Selia Wand - Mr Ward has au Refersor Smith's on land omned by ater line. The nulliping all Host and extreme purt out by the "weventing the forms tion of the Water to acheine his end mas necessary own and Refersor Smith. Also Lit to remove flood boards from his 4sh as planered.

as to the integrity of the writer he would uper jour to the Wilton Selectmen

The writer is a resident and tarpay.

They dincerely

Louis C. Aimini

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NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER RESOURCES BOARD

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MEMORANDUM

Case No. C158-I

TO: Richard S. Holmgren, Chief Engineer

RE: Blood Brook in W. Wilton.

Two of the Selectmen of Wilton called at the office Monday afternoon, September 30, 1940 in reference to the Ward Dam in West Wilton. Mr. Durgin who I have always done business with in Wilton was present.

It seems that they have received complaints from property owners concerning the raising of the spillway at the Ward Dam. Mr. Ward originally had flashboards in the spillway of the dam to a height of about 18 inches. He has replaced these flashboards with a concrete slab of approximately the same height. The Selectmen felt that there might be some question of water going over the abutments in high water but were more worried about their bridge which is directly below the dam. What worried them here was the fact that perhaps the bridge was not high enough under existing conditions to carry off the water.

I suggested to them that they get in contact with Mr. White, Division Engineer for the Highway Department and have him visit the site with them and give them what advise he could. I personally do not believe that the dam is a menace as constructed and possibly the only trouble that could ensue would be water over the abutment upon which the bridge rests.

The situation all started due to fishermen in the area being alarmed over the fact that Mr. Ward has screened the brook for rearing pools and they were not able to fish in this area. However, Mr. Ward has permission from the Fish and Game Department and that is not within our jurisdiction. The Selectmen were aware of the fact that Mr. Ward had repaired his dam without permission from the Commission.

The Selectmen seem to realize that the affair is more or less out of our jurisdiction but suggested that they might request me to attend a conference with Mr. Ward to work the matter out.

I told them I would do anything possible but felt that Mr. White would be the man to see.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Colman Assistant Engineer

CDC:LR. 10/2/40

NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER CONTROL COMMISSION

REPORT ON DAM INSPECTION

TOWN DAM NO. 254.18 STREAM Blood Brook
OWNER S. B. Ward ADDRESS Wilton, N. H.
In accordance with Section 20 of Chapter 133, Laws of 1937, the above dam was inspected by me onaccompanied by
NOTES ON PHYSICAL CONDITION Abutments
Spillway .
Gates
Other
CHANGES SINCE LAST INSPECTION
FUTURE INSPECTIONS
This dam (is) (is not) a menace because
RELARKS
Copy to Owner Date INSPECTOR
B-17 (Additional Notes Over)

NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER CONTROL COMMISSION DATA ON DAMS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

LOCATION	. /		STATE NO?	-
	Wilton	: County	Hillaboro /	
Stream	Blood Brook	<u>,,</u>	***************************************	
	Merrimack R.			
	Ward Dam			
Coordinates-	_Lat 42°50'-600ft	: Long7	l°50'-6,400ft.	
GENERAL DA	NTA			.1 4
Drainage ar	ea: ControlledSq.	Mi.: Uncontrolled	Sq. Mi.: Total	5% Sq. Mi.
Overall leng	th of dam 200 ft.: Dat	e of Construction	1840 present I	Dam 1920 v
Height: Stre	eam bed to highest elev	18 ft.: Max. Structi	ire 11.5 🗸	ft.
Cost-Dam	***************************************	Reservoir		
DESCRIPTION	Gravity-Stone,con	crete on ledge 🗸		
Waste Gates	•			
	: Size			
Elevation	Invert	Total Area		sq. ft.
Hoist	•••••	••••••	•	•••••
Waste Gate				
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WATER CONTROL CONMISSION

STATE OF NEW HAMPCHIRE

Concord, New Hampshire October 14, 1938.

S B Ward, Wilton N H

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Dam. W. C. C. No.254. RE: Blood Brook

Gentlemen:

In order that we may determine the magnitude and extent of the flood of September 21-24 just passed, we are requesting the various dam owners in the State to supply us with the following information:

- 1. Mas this dam injured? Ans.
- If so, to what extent? Ans.
- 3. Did all flashboards go out?
- 4. What was the maximum height of water over the permanent crest of spillway?
- 5. At what day and hour Ans. did the maximum flood height reach your dam?
- 6. Any other interesting information regarding the flood or rain fall may be given on the back of this sheet, or attach sheets.

Will you please return this letter with as much information as you can give us as promptly as possible. A selfaddressed envelope is attached hereto.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Richard S. Holmgren

Chief Engineer

CDC:GMB Enc.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEW I	HAMPSHIRE—DAM RECORD 1-5519
TOWN MILION	TOWN 18 STATE NO.
RIVER STREAM Blood Brook	
DRAINAGE AREA	POND AREA
DAM TYPE Gravity	FOUNDATION NATURE OF Ledge
MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION Stone, Concrete	
PURPOSE POWER—CONSERVATION—DOMESTIC- OF DAM	RECREATION—TRANSPORTATION—PUBLIC UTILITY
HEIGHTS, TOP OF DAM TO BED OF STREAM 18*	TOP OF DAM TO SPILLWAY CRESTS 63
SPILLWAYS, LENGTHS 241-118 DEPTHS BELOW TOP OF DAM 617	LENGTH OF DAM Approx. 20
FLASHBOARDS Fixed TYPE, HEIGHT ABOVE CREST 19"	
OPERATING HEAD CREST TO N. T. W.	TOP OF FLASHBOARDS TO N. T. W.
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REFERENCES, CASES, PLANS, INSPECTIONS	
REMARKS	
owner: S. B. Ward	

To the Public Service Commission:

Yes. Will be subject to periodic inspection.

The foregoing memorandum on the above dam is submitted covering inspection made Aug. 27, 1936, according to notification to owner dated Aug. 14, 1936, and bill for same is enclosed.

Sept. 3, 1936 Copy to Owner

CONDITION:

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D. Waldo White Chief Engineer

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August 14, 1936

S. B. Ward Hilton, H. H.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty imposed upon it by Chapter 218 of the Public Laws of New Hampshire, the Public Service Commission will inspect the dams in the vicinity of Wilton, New Hampshire on August 27, 1936.

Town Records indicate that you are the owner of one dam in the Form of Milton, New Hampshire, which will be inspected on the above mentioned date. We should be pleased to have you or your representative present during this inspection if you so desire.

Under the statute all dams in your vicinity will be inspected to determine whether or not they would be a menace to the public safety if improperly maintained. Dams which would not be a menace to the public safety will not be subject to a later periodic inspection. It is our intention to inspect dams which would be a menace to the public safety if improperly maintained about once every five years.

There will be a nominal charge for such dams as would be a menace to the public safety if not constructed and maintained properly. We hope you will be present when our inspector views your dam so that you may avail yourself of his services.

Very truly yours.

N. H. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

D. Waldo White Chief Engineer

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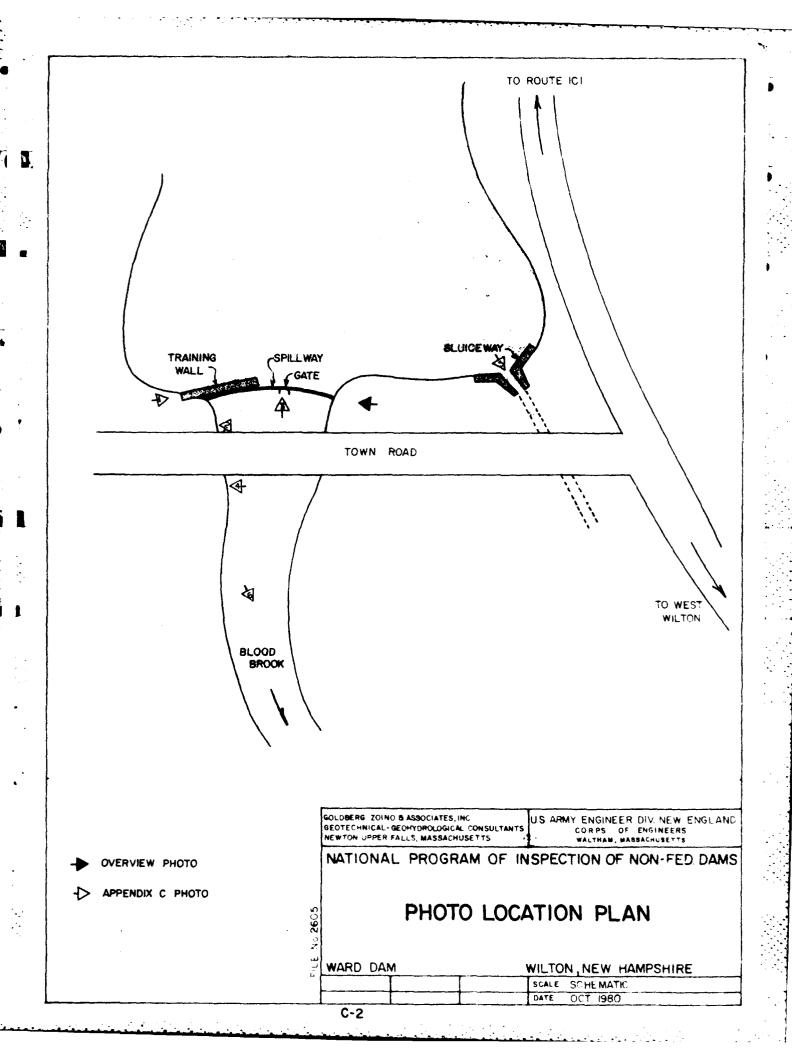
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INVENTORY OF DAMS AND WATER POWER DEVELOPMENTS

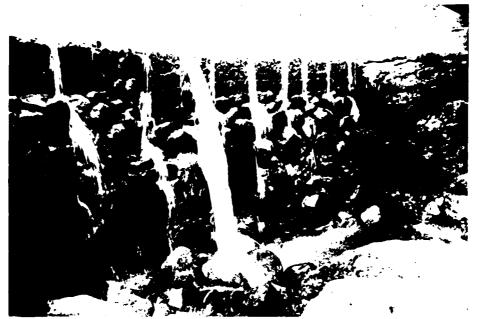
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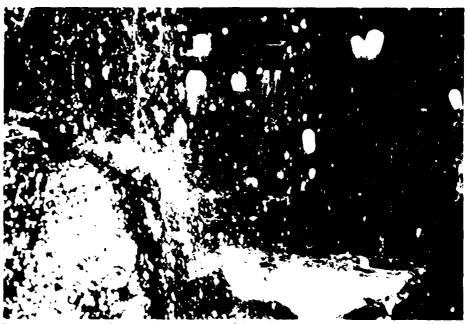
APPENDIX C
PHOTOGRAPHS







 Spillway From Downstream Right Side - Note Box Culvert Near Center of Photo



3. Interior of Box Culvert Looking Upstream





5. Concrete Inlet to Penstock at Left Abutment



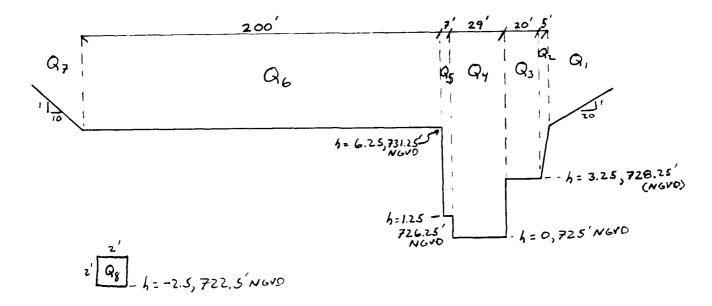
6. Downstream Channel

APPENDIX D
HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS

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Ward Dam

The elevation schematic of Ward Dam given below is based on field notes and USGS topo information. The elevations above mean sea level are based on an assumed spillway elevation of 725 ft. msl, which was estimated from the USGS Quad.



Stage-Discharge Curve

Ward Dam is a gravity masonry dam with a concrete spillway cap.

The spillway may be considered a sharp crested weir, with a concrete

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wall to the right abutment and a natural ledge to the left. There are two gates associated with the dam - one 2' \times 2' and one 3' \times 3'. At the time of the inspection, neither appeared to be operable and the 3' \times 3' gate was leaking a small amount of water. For the purposes of the stage-discharge calculations, both will be assumed to be closed. Therefore, for all h:

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for $0 \le h \le 1.25$

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c = 3.3 for a
sharp-crested
 weir

for $1.25 \le h \le 3.25$

$$Q_5 = 2.8(7) (h-1.25)^{3/2}$$

all others unchanged

c = 2.8 for a broad-crested earth weir

for $3.25 \le h \le 6.25$

$$Q_2 = 2.8 (5/3) (h-3.25) (.5(h-3.25))^{3/2}$$

 $Q_3 = 3.0 (20) (h-3.25)^{3/2}$

c = 3.0 for a broad-crested stone weir

all others unchanged

for $h \leq 6.25$

$$Q_1 = 2.8 (20) (h-6.25) (.5(h-6.25))^{3/2}$$

$$Q_2 = 2.8 (5) (h-4.75)^{3/2}$$

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$$Q_6 = 2.8 (200) (h-6.25)^{3/2}$$

 $Q_7 = 2.8 (10(h-6.25)) (.5(h-6.25))^{3/2}$

All others unchanged

The BASIC program which follows calculates a stage-discharge curve for Ward Dam.

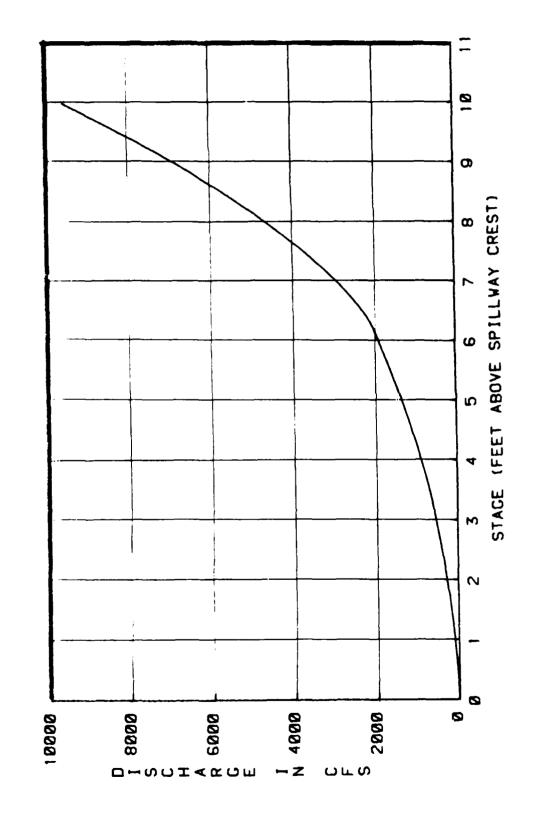
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STAGE VS DISCHARGE RELATIONSHIP FOR WARD DAM

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STAGE-DISCHARGE CURVE AT WARD DAM



Stage-Storage Curve

The surface area of Ward Pond with the water surface at the spillway crest is about 3 acres. The pond is silted and shallow, with an average depth of about 3 feet. Thus, the storage at the spillway crest is (3) (3) = 9 acre feet.

Assuming a 3 acre surface area, and no spreading as the pond rises:

Surcharge Storage = 3 h

Total Storage = 9 + 3 h

For the drainage area of 6.58 square miles (4211 acres):

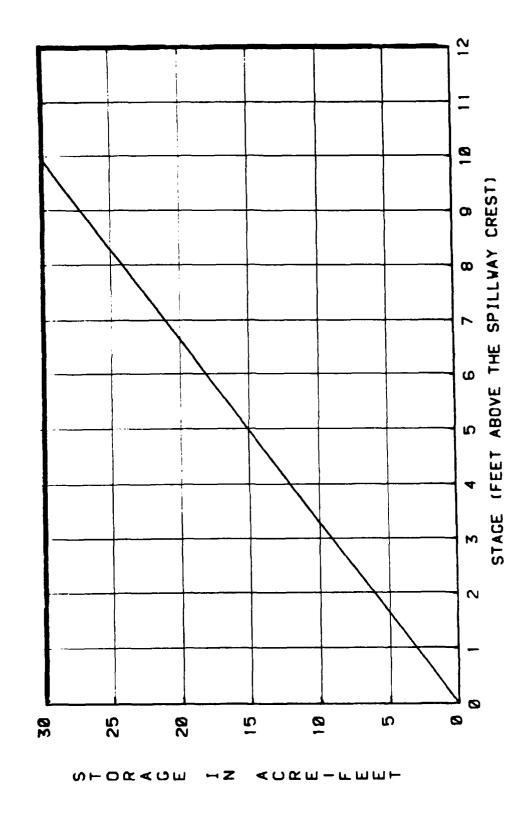
1" of runoff =
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 = 350.9 acre-ft.

1 acre-ft. =
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Surcharge storage to the top of the concrete wall to the right abutment = 3.25(3) = 9.75 acre-ft. = 0.28" of runoff. Total storage at the top of the wall = 9 + 9.75 = 18.75 acre-ft.

The stage - storage curve is given in the next page.

STAGE-SURCHARGE STORAGE CURVE FOR WARD POND



Dam Failure Analysis

Dam failure is assumed when the water overtops the concrete wall near the right abutment at h = 3.25, 728.25 ft. msl.

Normal outflow = 616 cfs

Breach outflow =
$$Q_{p1} = 8/27 \sqrt{g} W_b Y_o^{3/2}$$

 γ_0 = the height of the water surface above the channel invert at dam failure = 14.5 + 3.25 ft = 17.75 ft.

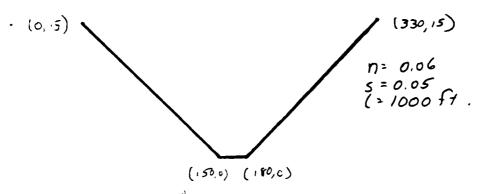
 $W_{\rm b}$ = Width of breach = 40% of the dam width at 1/2 height. The dam width at 1/2 height is about 50 feet, so $W_{\rm b}$ = .4(50) = 20 ft.

$$Q_{p1} = 8/27 \sqrt{32.2} \ 20 (17.75)^{3/2} = 2515 \text{ cfs}$$

Peak failure outflow = 616 + 2515 = 3130 cfs

This flow would pass under the bridge just downstream of the dam and proceed downstream along Blood Brook. The bridge is 18' high and safely above flooding from failure.

A typical cross-section for Blood Brook just downstream of Ward Dam is as follows:

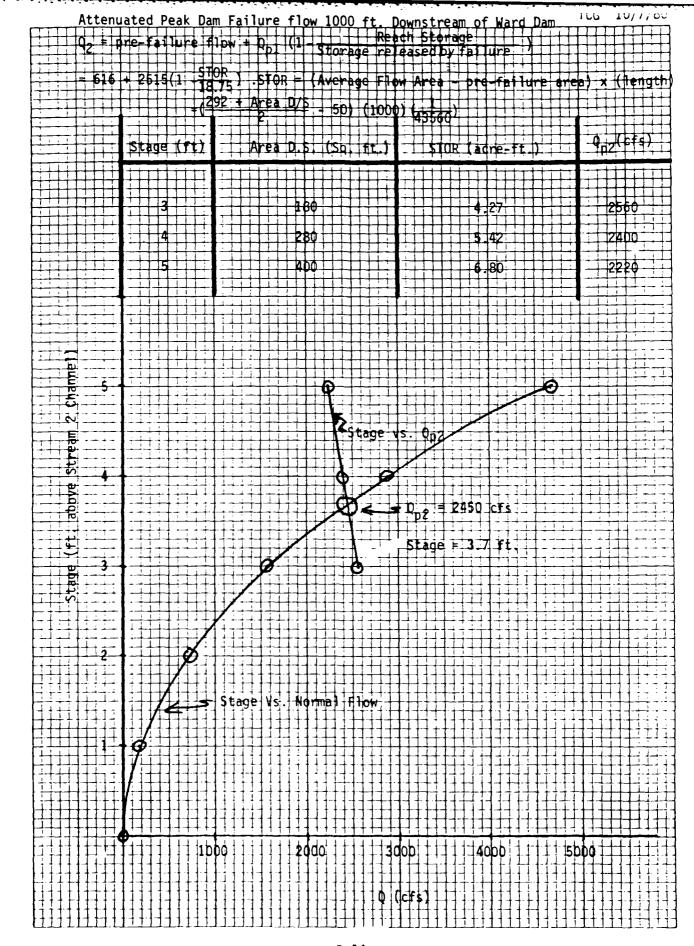


A stage-normal flower relationship for this reach is given on the next page. The pre-failure flow of 616 cfs would create a stage of slightly under 2 feet in this reach. Dam failure would increase this stage to 4.1 feet at the upstream end of the reach. Assuming a linear variation in stage in the reach, storage = $\frac{\text{storage U/S} + \text{Storage D/S}}{2}$ (length). The attenuation due to storage in this reach is calculated on $\frac{12}{2}$.

The attenuated peak dam failure flow at the downstream end of the reach would be 2450 cfs, creating a stage of 3.7 ft. The only development in the first 1000 feet downstream of the dam is one house well above the dam failure flood wave.

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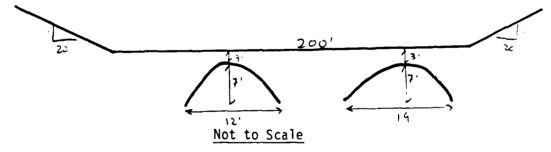
STAGE VERSUS NORMAL FLOW FOR FIRST 1000 FEET BELOW WARD DAM



About 1000 feet downstream of Ward Dam, Blood Brook passes under a road leading to Temple, New Hampshire. There are houses downstream and upstream of the bridge as shown in the sketch below:

الع العالم	House	Description
A SE	Α	Cellar 4 feet above stream. 1st floor at roadway level (10 ft. above stream).
To Temple Road 10 ft. up	В	1st floor 2-3 ft. below roadway level.
Took	С	1st floor at roadway level.
{ }	D	Well above stream.

The bridge on which the road to Temple crosses the brook would control flow in this area. A sketch is shown below:



The storage immediately upstream of this bridge is negligible, so that little attenuation of peak dam failure flows would occur here.

The stage-discharge relationship for the 12 x 7 arch was determined from the Federal Highway Administration's Hydraulic Engineering Circular 5, "Hydraulic Charts for the Selection of Highway Culverts," assuming inlet control. For these purposes the 12 x 7 arch was assumed to behave as a 11' - 5 " x 7' - 3" arch which is described in the Circular 5 monographs.

Discharge for the 19' \times 7' arch assumed to be proportional to that of the 12' \times 7' arch based on flow area. Assuming that both arches are ellipitical in shape:

Area of 12' x 7' =
$$(\frac{12}{2})$$
 $(\frac{7}{2})$ = 65.97 sq. ft.

Area of 19' x 7' =
$$(\frac{19}{2})$$
 $(\frac{7}{2})$ = 104.46 sq. ft.

So
$$\frac{\text{Flow } 19 \times 17}{\text{Flow } 12 \times 17} = \frac{\text{Area } 19 \times 7}{\text{Area } 12 \times 7} = \frac{104.46}{65.97} = 1.58$$

The flow over the roadway was calculated as simple weir flow:

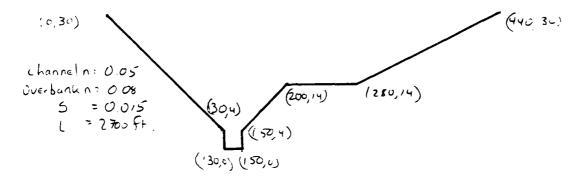
$$Q_{road} = 2(2.8) (20) (h-10) (.5(h-10))^{3/2} + 2.8(200) (h-10)^{3/2}$$

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Stage (ft.)	Headwater/ 7 ft.	^Q 12x17 (chart 6 <u>HEC 5)</u>	Q _{19x7} (1.58 x Q _{12x7}	Q _{Road}	Q _{Total}
4	0.57	225	355	0	580
5	0.71	325	515	0	840
6	0.86	425	670	0	1095
7	1.00	520	820	0	1340
8	1.14	6 05	955	0	1560
9	1.29	690	1090	0	1780
10	1.43	775	1225	0	2000
11	1.57	840	1330	600	2770
12	1.71	900	1420	1810	4130

The pre-failure flow of 616 cfs would create a stage of about 4.1 feet at the bridge. The peak dam failure flow of 2450 cfs would create a stage of about 10.6 feet, with about 0.6 feet of flow over the bridge. This flow would cause flooding to several feet in the cellar and 0-1 feet in the first floor at House "A", minor flooding at House "B", and 1-3 feet of flooding to House "C" as the flow returns to Blood Brook. The flow might well damage or destroy the bridge. There is only a slight chance of loss of life in this area, since the flooding would be backwater flooding, and flow rates would be low.

About 700 feet downstream of this bridge, Blood Brook is joined by Temple Brook. There is one house in this reach (besides the two already discussed), about 8-10 feet above the stream channel. Blood Brook runs 2000 feet from the conjunction with Temple Brook to a restaurant and a house at the downstream end of West Wilton. In this reach there are 3 houses 10-15 feet above the stream channel, and the restaurant and house 12 feet up. The following cross-section is typical of the reach from the bridge to the downstream end of West Wilton:



A stage-normal discharge relationship for this reach is given on the next page. The pre-failure flow of 616 cfs would cause a stage of 4.1 feet in Blood Brook. The peak dam failure flow of 2450 cfs would cause a stage of 8.4 feet at the upstream end of the reach. This would attenuate significantly through West Wilton due to the storage provided by the stream. The only structure which might receive minor (less than 0.5 feet) flooding in this reach is the lowest house.

Downstream of West Wilton, Blood Brook runs about 2 miles to the Souhegan River. The dam failure flood flow would attenuate a great

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deal in this reach, and would probably not threaten any of the structures in the reach - a house 2000 feet downstream of West Wilton and the Route 31 bridge just 800 feet upstream of the Souhegan River. The flow resulting from the failure of Ward Dam would probably cause no damage along the Souhegan River.

The chart on the next page summarizes the downstream effects of the failure of Ward Dam.

	Comments	Little danger to bridge	slight danger of loss of life, minor flooding a one house, significant flooding at 2 others - about 1/2 ft. flow over road.	possible minor flooding.Flow attenuates down- stream - no furthe flooding likely.
Stage	After failure	3130 cfs 4.1 ft.	2450 cfs 10.6 ft.	2450 cfs <8.4 ft.
Flow & Stage	Before failure	616 cfs 1.8 ft.	616 cfs 4.1 ft.	616 cfs 4.1 ft.
	Level above Stream (ft)	18 ft.	8 ft. 10 ft. 15 ft. cellar 4 1st floor 10 10 ft.	8 ft.
	# of Structures	1 bridge	1 house 2 houses 1 house 1 house 1 house	1 house
	Distance Downstream from Dam (feet)	•	1000 +	1400
	Location	Just D/S of Ward Dam	Bridge on road to Temple	house before Temple Brook
	Location # (see Map)	1		ı

Test Flood Analysis

Size Classification: SMALL (height < 25 ft., storage < 1000 ac-ft.)

Hazard Classification: SIGNIFICANT based on the slight chance of loss

of life and appreciable economic damages in the town of West Wilton downstream of the dam.

According to the "Recommended Guidelines" the hazard classification and dam size indicate a test flood between the 100 year flood and 1/2 of the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). Since the hazard classification is on the low side of significant, we will use the 100 year flood.

The drainage area upstream of Ward Dam is 6.58 square miles. However, 4.9 square miles of this area is controlled by the Soil Conservation Service's Souhegan River Watershed Dam 26. The SCS Design notes for this dam give a peak 100 year storm stage of 922.9 ft. msl, yielding a peak outflow of 144 cfs.

To calculate the 100 year inflow for Ward Dam, we will estimate the peak inflow from the uncontrolled drainage area of 1.68 square miles, and make the conservative estimate that this peak concides with peak outflow from S.R.W.D. #26.

Peak Uncontrolled Flow:

Dennis R. LeBlanc's "Progress Report on Hydrologic Investigations of Small Drainage Areas in New Hampshire- Preliminary Relations for Estimating Peak Discharges on Rural, Unregulated Streams," USGS Water Resources

Investigations 78-47, gives this formula for a 100 year flow:

$$P_{100} = 0.55 A^{1.05} S^{0.56} I^{2.72}$$
, Where

 $P_{100} = 100$ year peak flow, cfs

A = drainage area, in square miles = 1.68

S = main channel slope, in feet/mile = 50

I = 2 year 24 hour rainfall, in inches = 3.1

$$P_{100} = 0.55(1.68)^{1.05} (50)^{0.56} (3.1)^{2.72} = 184 \text{ cfs}$$

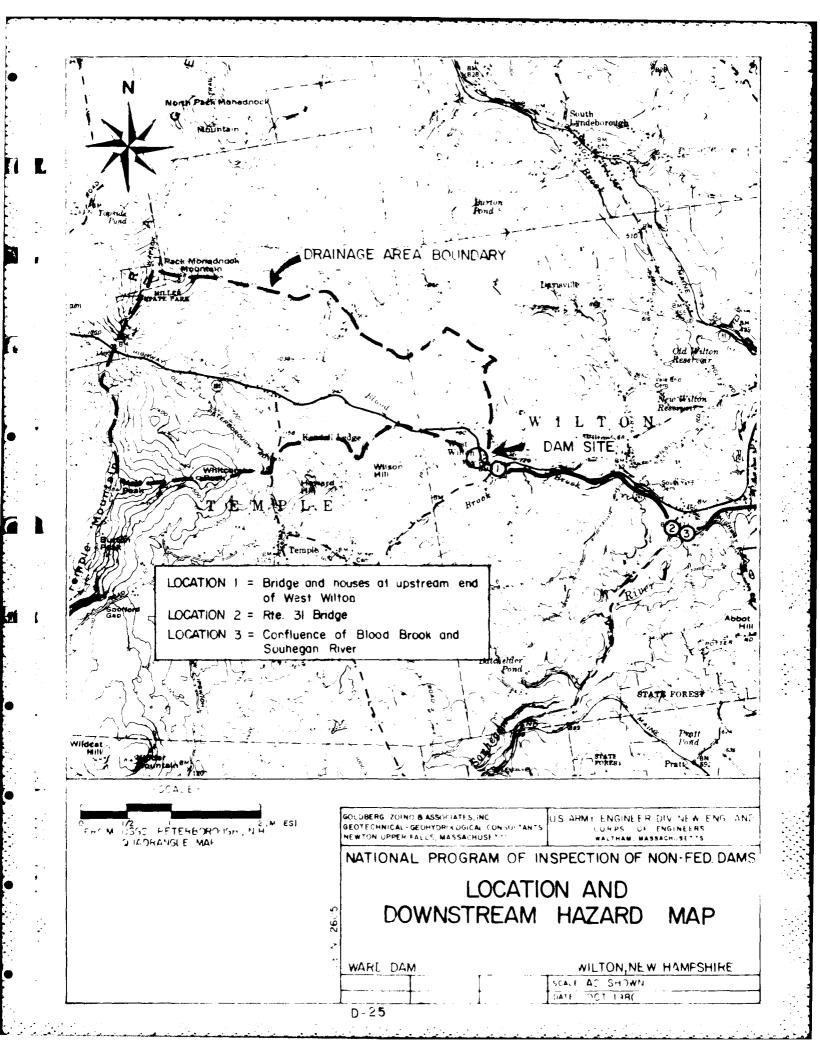
Therefore 100 year flow = uncontrolled peak + SRWD #26 flow = 328 cfs

The attenuation of the test flood due to storage in the reservoir is calculated on the next page and is negligible. The 100-year inflow of 328 cfs has been adopted as the peak test flood routed outflow.

The peak test flood outflow of 328 cfs yields a stage of 2.2 feet (727.2 ft msl), 1.1 feet below the top of the concrete training wall, and 0.95 ft. over the natural ledge to the left.

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